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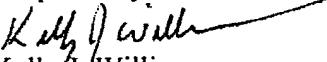
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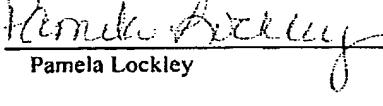
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2006, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I (claims 18-19) and Group II (claim 20). Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 18-19) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

Per the request of the Examiner in the January 9, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby request that the sequence information filed on December 15, 2003 be made part of the above-mentioned application.

I hereby state that the paper copy of the sequence listing submitted on December 15, 2003 and the paper copy submitted on September 30, 2003 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(e), are the same and contain no new matter.

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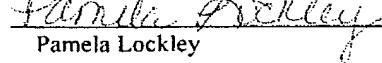
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